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SUBJECT: EA/ROC WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

1. DOD PLAN ON TAIWAN MILITARY WITHDRAWAL (SECRET/NODIS)

WE HAVE LEARNED THAT DOD EXPECTS TO HAND IN EARLY NEXT WEEK
ITS RESPONSE TO THE NSC REQUEST FOR A PLAN TO REDUCE DOD'S
MILITARY AND CIVILIAN POPULATION ON TAIWAN TO 600 WITHIN A
SIX MONTH PERIOD. BUT THE PLAN WILL HAVE A "HIGH OPTION"
AS WELL, SPECIFYING REDUCTION TO ABOUT 760 SPACES AND DOD
WILL RECOMMEND THAT THIS BE THE OPTION CHOSEN.

2. REVIEW SESSION ON ARMS TRANSFERS TO THE ROC (SECRET/ NODIS)

WHAT WE HOPE IS THE FINAL DRAFT OF THE PAPER FOR THE REVIEW
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OF OUTSTANDING ROC WEAPONS REQUESTS HAS BEEN COMPLETED. IT
IS A JOINT EFFORT WITH DOD/ISA AND IS NOW CIRCULATING FOR
FINAL CLEARANCES HERE AND AT THE PENTAGON. WE EXPECT THE
REVIEW SESSION TO BE HELD THE LAST WEEK OF JANUARY.

3. "BUY AMERICA" PROGRAM DEVELOPMENTS (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMERCE DEPARTMENT COUNTRY MARKETING MANAGER FOR TAIWAN

BOB KELLY AND JIM NADER, FOREIGN BUYERS PROGRAM PROJECT OFFICER, WILL GO TO SAN FRANCISCO TO MEET THE ROC GOVERNMENT BUYING MISSION, SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE ON JANUARY 10. THEY WILL EXPLORE FURTHER THE BEST WAYS TO ASSIST THE TAIWANESE VISITORS BY IDENTIFYING THOSE WHO WISH TO BE PUT IN TOUCH WITH SPECIFIC U.S. SUPPLIERS.

EMBASSY TAIPEI REPORTS THE TAIWAN HIGHWAY BUREAU HAS DECIDED TO PURCHASE 50 BUSES FOR USE ON THE NEW NORTH-SOUTH FREEWAY EITHER FROM GREYHOUND MOTOR COACH INDUSTRIES OR GENERAL MOTORS. NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE SALE WERE STARTED SOMETIME BEFORE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE "BUY AMERICA" POLICY, BUT THE DECISION TO BUY FROM A U.S. COMPANY IS AN INDICATION THAT THE ROC IS SERIOUS ABOUT MAKING AN EFFORT TO REDUCE THE TRADE SURPLUS WITH THE U.S. MERCEDES AND FIAT WERE STRONG CONTENDERS FOR THE CONTRACT. THE DEAL SHOULD AMOUNT TO SLIGHTLY MORE THAN 5 MILLION DOLLARS. CHRISTOPHER

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